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EAST AFRICA

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The East African Community (EAC) is a regional intergovernmental organization (RIGO) comprising six partner states: The Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda. Its headquarters are in Arusha, Tanzania. 150 million citizens live in the EAC. It has a land area of 1.82 million km² and a combined Gross Domestic Product of USD \$146 billion.

The work of the EAC is mandated by a treaty which established the Community. It was signed on November 30, 1999 and entered into force on July 7, 2000 following its ratification by the original three Partner States - Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi consented to the EAC Treaty and became full members of the community with effect from July 1, 2007. The Republic of South Sudan acceded to the Treaty and became a full member on August 15, 2016.

USAID supports EAC efforts to improve the quality of life of the people of East Africa through increased competitiveness, value-added production, enhanced food security, trade, and investment as well as building institutional capacity in East Africa to establish a competitive power market. USAID has signed a five-year regional development objective grant agreement with the EAC to provide direct assistance in the following areas: Trade and Investment; Agriculture; Environment and Natural Resources Management; Health and Energy. USAID also provides parallel support and investment/complementary funding benefiting EAC through Trademark East Africa (TMEA), International Union for Conservation of Nature, IGAD's Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) and Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD).

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN FEED THE FUTURE AND TRADE

- Improved accountability and transparency through establishment of a sanitary and phytosanitary information sharing platform, which maintains records on the origin and destination of consignments/goods.
- Facilitated adoption of the ISOLution system, a web-based platform to develop standards that facilitate international trade in a more efficient way in Rwanda and Uganda.
- Improved regional availability of seeds and planting materials following USAID support in development and Government of Kenya adoption of the EAC Seed and Plant Varieties Bill.
- Convened national technical barriers to trade committees in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania, creating efficiencies in regional trade and the free movement of goods, services, and persons.

USAID ASSISTANCE
USD \$3,570,530 (FY 2019)

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SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN HEALTH

- Strengthened cross-border health services to address the needs of mobile and other vulnerable populations.
- Strengthened drug safety and quality surveillance systems in the region.
- Improved the technical capacity of the EAC's Lake Victoria Basin Commission to manage risks related to population growth and environmental degradation in the fragile ecosystems of the Lake Victoria Basin, thereby both protecting the environment and helping prevent maternal and child deaths.
- Helped secure technical support and funding for the EAC's Digital REACH Initiative, which advocates for a digital platform to improve health systems and services in the East Africa region.
- Supported the East African Health Research Commission in publishing East African health research and science journals.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENERGY THROUGH POWER AFRICA

- Reducing barriers for regional power trade through identification, prioritization, and package of three key power interconnection infrastructure projects valued at \$350 million
- Improved institutional capacity to advance regional power trade among utility and planning institutions among EAC partner states

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

- EAC Strategy on Combating Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products (2017-2022) developed and under implementation.
- The Wildlife Information and Landscape Database (WILD), a mobile phone-based app for real time data collection, monitoring, analysis, and reporting developed and tested in Kenya and Tanzania and deployed in Kenya's Maasai Mara ecosystem.
- Mara River Day was institutionalized as a transboundary stakeholder mobilization forum held annually on September 15 with sustained support from Kenya and Tanzania.
- US\$2.5 million leveraged through USAID's Global Sustainable Water Partnership to support a three-year field activity in the transboundary MRB through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Joint Water Resources Management in the Transboundary Mara River Basin (MRB) shared between Kenya and Tanzania signed in 2015.
- US\$2.5M was leveraged through UNEP to support climate adaptation in the Lake Victoria Basin.
- Climate information and decision support tools and forums developed and convened regularly in partnership with National Meteorological Agencies, IGAD's Climate Predictions and Application Centre and Regional Centre Mapping of Resource and Development.